

Baldwin Lake & Tule Pond Restoration Project

Supervisory District 5

Cluster Meeting: Feb 25, 2026

Board Meeting: March 17, 2026

Project Location

Baldwin Lake and Tule Pond are two significant features within the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden in the City of Arcadia.



Tule Pond Restoration and Improvements

- Remove sediment to restore original depth (8ft-10ft) to enhance infiltration basin functionality and increase flood capacity
- Improve Arboretum Drains 1-3 outlets, with addition of energy dissipators
- Relocate 4th storm drain and outlet
- Capture and treat:
 - Dry / wet weather runoff



Baldwin Lake Restoration And Improvements

- Sediment removal to a depth of 5 feet (2-3 feet of removal)
- Lake liner
- Energy dissipators to outlet of connector pipe between Tule Pond and Baldwin lake
- Rehabilitation of historic wall
- Lake Aeration
- Viewing Deck
- Landscape and irrigation restorations, where needed
- Educational & Wayfinding Signage



Baldwin Lake Restoration

Project Cost and Timeline

- Estimated total project cost is \$63.7 million
 - Estimated construction cost is in the range of \$20 million to \$30 million
 - Board motion to expedite approval of the Project and delegate authority to PW to adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids.
- Timing is critical:
 - Construction must start in summer 2026 to complete work before the 2028 Olympics as requested by the Arboretum (and supported by DPR and SD 5).
- Project anticipated to be completed by the end of 2027

Project Impacts

- Operational:
 - Improved flood control management, water quality, aquatic ecosystem, enhanced aesthetic and historical features currently serving over 350,000 visitors annually, including 15,000 school children.
- Financial:
 - Total estimated project cost: \$63.7 million
 - Includes: Design, Construction Cost, Inspection, Contingency, Administration
 - Funded by the Flood Control District, Safe Clean Water, and RPOSD contributions
- Policy:
 - Aligns with the Board's priority of sustainability

Recommendation & Next Steps

- Recommendation:
 - Board approval via Motion on March 17, 2026
- Next Steps Upon Approval:
 - Adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids
 - Award and execute a construction contract
- Upcoming – Will request further Board approval (June 2026):
 - Authorize the execution of the Agreements (Funding, Use and Maintenance, Sediment Disposal)
 - Adopt Youth Employment Plan
 - Finalize Funding Contributions (LACFCD, SCW, RPOSD) and establish the capital project

Queen Anne Cottage Rendering



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Viewing Deck Rendering



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Questions?



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Project website:



pw.lacounty.gov/projects/baldwin-lake-tule-pond-restoration/